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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,7-9 and 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6,10-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/GS/US)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 2, 7, 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mendiola et al (Mendiola), U.S. Patent No. 7,505,935.

Regarding claims 1 and 9, Mendiola discloses a method for reselling content, comprising the steps of: (a) receiving by a content server (auction server 10) , content information for particular content to be resold from a seller terminal in reply to a request by a seller who wishes to resell the content over a communication network, and registering a corresponding to the content in a database as secondhand content (col. 4, lines 7-33, col. 6, lines 4-11, col. 7, lines 3-20); and (b) in reply to a request by a buyer to buy the secondhand content, searching for corresponding secondhand content and

providing, by the content server corresponding secondhand content to a buyer terminal and transmitting sale information for the secondhand content to the seller terminal (col. 13, line 25-col. 14, line 5, col. 14, lines 20-52), and paying a sale price for the secondhand content to the seller (col. 12, line 66-col. 13, line 4).

Regarding claim 2, Mendiola discloses the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of (c) paying a sale price for the secondhand content to the seller after charging a fee for the secondhand content to the buyer (col. 12, line 66-col. 13, line 10).

Regarding claims 7 and 14, Mendiola discloses wherein step (b) comprises the steps of: (b-1) generating secondhand content data based on the sale information and the buyer information of the registered secondhand content in reply to a request by the buyer; and (b-2) transmitting the secondhand content to the buyer terminal (col. 4, lines 44-61, col. 5, line 56-col. 6, line 21).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 8 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mendiola in view of well-known prior art.

Regarding claims 8 and 15, Mendiola discloses the method of claims 2 and 9 as described above and further discloses paying to the seller, an amount of money (col. 12, line 66-col. 13, line 10).

Mendiola, however, fails to disclose wherein step (c) comprises the step of paying to the seller an amount of money determined by subtracting a predetermined commission from a fee for the secondhand content paid by the buyer.

The examiner contends, however, that such a method of payment would be a design choice. At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Mendiola with such a method of payment for the purpose of ensuring fair payment to all pertinent parties involved in the transaction.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 3-6 and 10-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TEMICA M. BEAMER whose telephone number is (571)272-7797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (alternate Fridays) 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on (571) 272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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